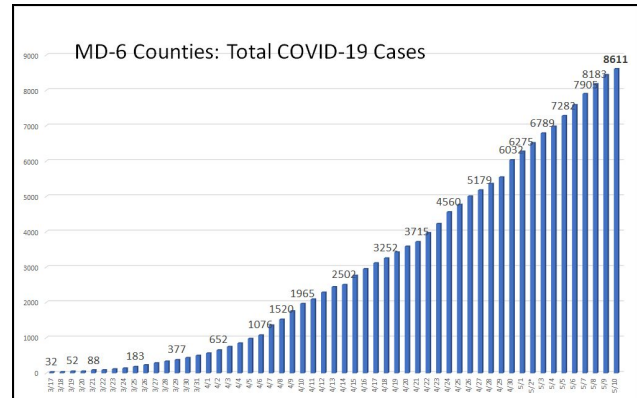
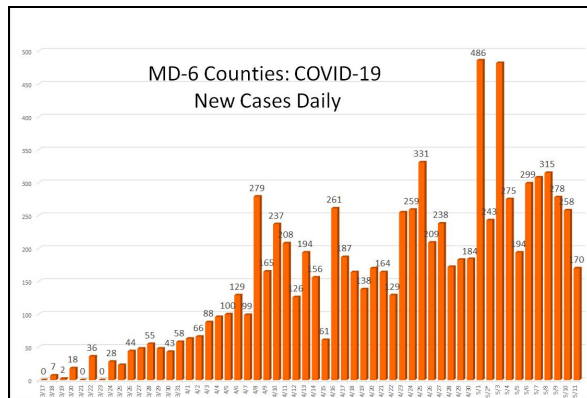
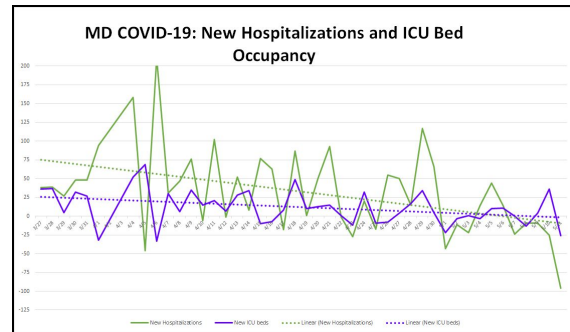
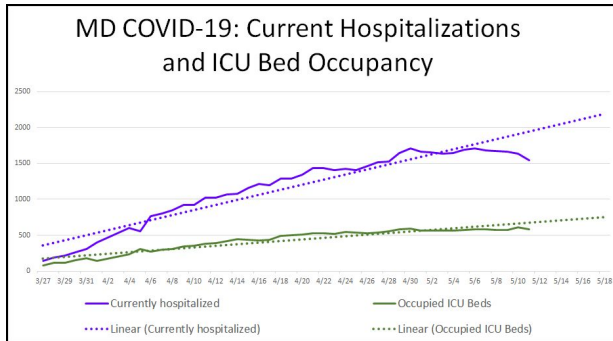


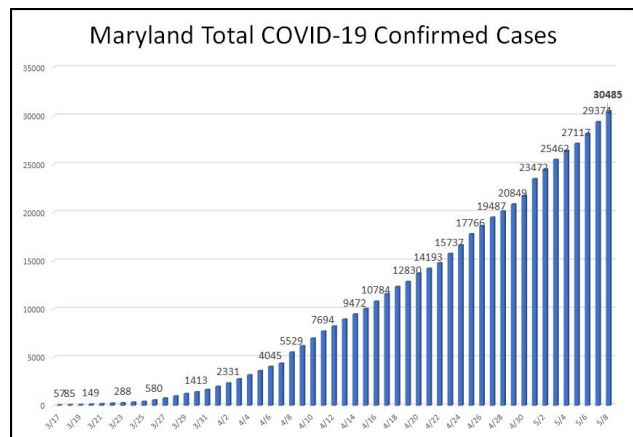
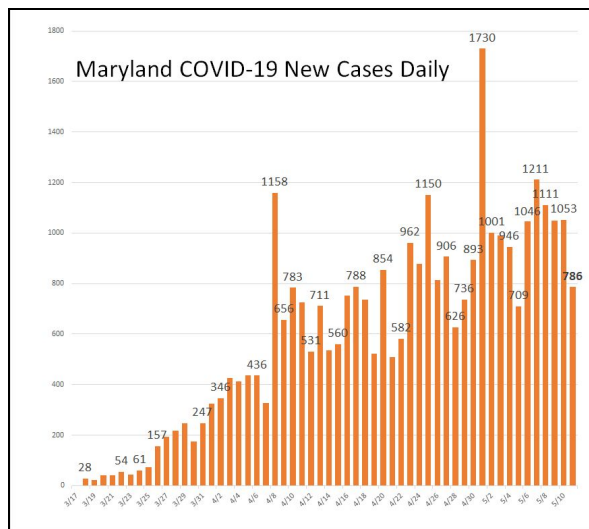
Daily Coronavirus Update: May 11, 5 PM Congressman David Trone (MD6)

Stats @ 5 PM

With increased testing capacity coming online in Maryland, Governor Larry Hogan will track trends in **hospitalizations** and **ICU beds** for indicators on when to initiate plans to reopen the state.



MD6 today: MoCo (6,909), Fred.(1,267), Wash.(283), Allegany (146), Garrett (6).



MD reports 1,573 total deaths ([MD Dept. of Health](#)).

As of 5 PM today, the United States had recorded 1,344,512 total confirmed cases and 80,087 deaths due to Coronavirus ([JHU](#)).

Federal Updates

- **West Wing staffers have been directed to wear face masks in the White House**, except when at their own desks, a Trump administration official tells [NPR](#). The directive, which does not apply to the president, follows announcements last week that at least two White House staff members tested positive for the coronavirus: a military aide to the president (reportedly a valet), and the vice president's spokesperson, Katie Miller, who is married to a senior advisor to the president, Stephen Miller. The positive tests prompted three of the nation's top public health officials and members of the White House coronavirus task force to self-quarantine for 14 days:
 - Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases
 - Dr. Stephen Hahn, commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration
 - Dr. Robert Redfield, director of the Centers for Disease Control and PreventionAll three are scheduled to testify remotely before the Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee on Tuesday. Committee Chairman Senator Lamar Alexander will also participate remotely after his office announced that he would self-quarantine after a member of his staff tested positive. ([NYTimes](#))

Maryland Updates

- The Maryland State Senate Finance Committee and Budget and Taxation Committees will hold a joint hearing tomorrow beginning @ 1 PM to hear from Marylanders who have struggled with the state's online system for filing for unemployment benefits. As reported by [The Baltimore Sun](#), the committees will hear from the first 270 people from the over 1,100 who signed up to testify about their experience with the new BEACON one-stop application for applying for unemployment benefits. Since its launch April 24, the system has been plagued with problems, attributed to the sheer volume of traffic as well as to having to rework it to accommodate self-employed and gig-workers now eligible for benefits. More than 500,000 Marylanders have applied for unemployment benefits since COVID-19 pandemic forced widespread shutdowns across the state and country in March.

District Updates

- **Montgomery County**
 - a. The number of confirmed coronavirus cases in Montgomery County increased by 593 — or by 9 percent — over the weekend, bringing its total to 6,909.
 - b. Montgomery County Executive Marc Elrich said he sympathizes with his constituents who are dealing with “quarantine fatigue,” he pledged Saturday to be “very careful” about reopening regardless of what Maryland Gov. Larry Hogan says next week about Phase 1 of the state's plan.
 - i. “We’re not the western part of the state or parts of the Eastern Shore,” Elrich said in a Zoom meeting with reporters to discuss the county's management of the coronavirus crisis. “We have a caseload which is still growing. We have the second largest number of cases in the state. We are a densely packed community, and when you think about it, ourselves, and the District of Columbia and Prince George's County just overlap with each other. Our borders are completely fluid.”
 - c. Public high schools in Montgomery County, Maryland, announced over the weekend that they will move high school graduation ceremonies online in June, and the entire Class of 2020 will be celebrated at once.
- **Frederick County**
 - a. Frederick County has seen 75 COVID-19 deaths, an increase of two in the last 24 hours. The latest deaths were a woman in her 70s and a woman in her 90s.

- b. County Executive Jan Gardner joined other county executives and the Mayor of Baltimore in asking the governor to give them a greater role in discussions to reopen the state. “We are requesting to be a part of the discussion on reopening because it concerns all of us. It would be more productive if we all contribute to the discussion of rolling out the reopening of the State.”
- Washington County
 - a. Three additional coronavirus related deaths have been reported in Washington County, Maryland in the last 24 hours.
 - b. Two health care centers in Washington County will receive federal money to expand COVID-19 testing as a result of the CARES Act. The Walnut Street Community Health Center Inc. in Hagerstown will receive \$227,389, and the Tri-State Community Health Center in Hancock will receive \$381,619.
- Allegany County
 - a. The Board of County Commissioners of Allegany County has reopened an assistance fund established for small businesses affected by the coronavirus pandemic. The COVID-19 Small Business Assistance Fund, established in March, has provided more than \$109,000 so far.
- Garrett County
 - a. No new updates